



Crop Report for the week of April 26, 2009

Seeding is underway in the southwest; however, cool weather has delayed seeding in most other areas of Saskatchewan this week, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's weekly crop report.

Less than one per cent of the crop has been seeded primarily with peas, lentils and canola.

Producers have taken advantage of the lull in seeding to do other field work such as weed control, fertilizer

application, rock picking and harrowing.

The effects of this week's snowfall will be detailed in next week's Crop Report.

Top soil moisture conditions remain virtually unchanged from last week. The west-central and northwest portions of the province are still reporting some areas that short are of moisture.

Pasture conditions are poor across the province, due to slow growth resulting from the cool weather

and/or lack of moisture. Some producers in the south are reporting inadequate supplies of water for their livestock.

Farmers are busy with pre-seeding field work, seed cleaning, moving cattle to pasture, calving and fencing.

1 Year Ago

One per cent of the 2008 crop was seeded. Some RMs reported seeding progress of 20 per cent or more; however, most seeding had not started due to wet and/or cold field conditions.

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Southeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, and 3ASE)

Farmers are busy with calving, readying machinery, harrowing and grain-cleaning in anticipation of warmer weather.

During the past week, the southeast was cool with a few small rain showers. Temperatures are still dipping below zero on most nights. Close to 10mm of rain fell in the Fillmore, Qu'Appelle and the Radville areas.

Topsoil moisture on crop land is reported as 30 per cent surplus and 67 per cent adequate. On hay and pasture land, top soil moisture is eight per cent surplus, 88 per cent adequate and four per cent short. There is not much field activity, as fields are quite wet and the soil is cold. Some farmers are applying herbicide and fertilizer.

Pasture conditions are being reported as poor, due to cool weather, resulting in slow growth.

Southwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 3ASW, 3AN, 3B and 4)

Farmers are busy applying fertilizer and spring burnoff products, readying machinery, calving, taking cows to pasture and cleaning grain. There is a new Patterson Inland Grain Terminal that is open for business in Assiniboia.

The past few weeks have been cool and windy. Precipitation fell as snow and rain. Areas around Fife Lake received around 20mm of rain, while the Shaunavon and Admiral areas reported around 15mm and 10mm of rain, respectively.

Seeding progress is at three per cent in the region. Peas, lentils and canola are being seeded. There is some concern that the cool weather is delaying weed growth, resulting in some farmers looking to control weeds in-crop, as opposed to a pre-seed burnoff. The soil is still fairly cool.

Livestock water supply is a concern in some areas, with 87 per cent reporting adequate supplies and 13 per cent reporting inadequate.

Crop land topsoil moisture conditions are 76 per cent adequate, and 21 per cent short. Hay and pasture land topsoil moisture conditions are 74 per cent adequate and 23 per cent short.

East-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 and 6a)

Farmers are busy preparing equipment, acquiring crop inputs, calving, cleaning seed and doing some pre-seed preparations.

The east-central district experienced cool conditions with scattered light snow during the last week. The Neudorf area received 8mm of rain. The slow spring is delaying entrance into the field to do spring preparations.

Topsoil moisture conditions for cropland are 14 per cent surplus and 84 per cent adequate. Hay and pasture topsoil moisture conditions are seven per cent surplus and 88 per cent adequate. Fields are still too wet to start spring preparations. Seeding is expected to start in one to two weeks. Some farmers are applying herbicides and fertilizer. The frost line in the soil is slowly receding.

Livestock water supply is being reported as 97 per cent adequate. Pastures are slow starting out, as cool weather has delayed new growth.

West-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6B and 7)

Farmers are preparing for seeding, cleaning seed, moving grain and calving.

West-central Saskatchewan has had cool, dry weather delaying the warming of the soil. Precipitation was fairly scarce throughout the region. In the Biggar area, 8mm of rain fell.

Cropland topsoil moisture conditions for the area are 65 per cent adequate, 26 per cent short and eight per cent very short. Hay and pasture land is sitting at 49 per cent adequate, 40 per cent short and 11 per cent very short. Some fertilizing and weed control is being reported. There are some reports of seeding taking place in Crop District 7A. There were also a few cool nights that hit well below freezing. There is a high fire rating in CD 6B.

Livestock water supplies are adequate in most areas, although there is some concern about running short as the season continues. According to crop reporters, supplies are 82 per cent adequate and 17 per cent inadequate. Pastures are off to a slow start due to the cool and dry conditions.

Northeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 and 9AE)

Farmers are calving, readying machinery and cleaning grain. Seeding is expected to start in the next week or so.

The northeast experienced cool and windy days during the past of week. Some areas are looking for rain, despite some of the district receiving rain last week. There was a report of 10mm of rain in the Tisdale area. Some pre-seeding field work has started. Cropland topsoil moisture conditions for the area are 86 per cent adequate. Hay and pasture top soil moisture conditions are reporting 66 per cent adequate and six per cent short. Livestock water supplies are adequate.

Pasture conditions are generally rated as good, although cool spring conditions have resulted in slow growth.

Northwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9AW and 9B)

Livestock water supplies are being reported as adequate. Pasture conditions are 28 per cent good, 25 per cent fair, and 39 per cent poor. The pastures and hay land are off to a slow start. Warmer weather would be welcome.

Weather conditions are reported as cool. CD 9AW is in need of moisture. The temperatures have dipped well below freezing for a few nights. The ground is still frozen in the low areas of fields. Very little rain was received during the past week. There is some fertilizing and harrowing taking place. There is no seeding progress to report.

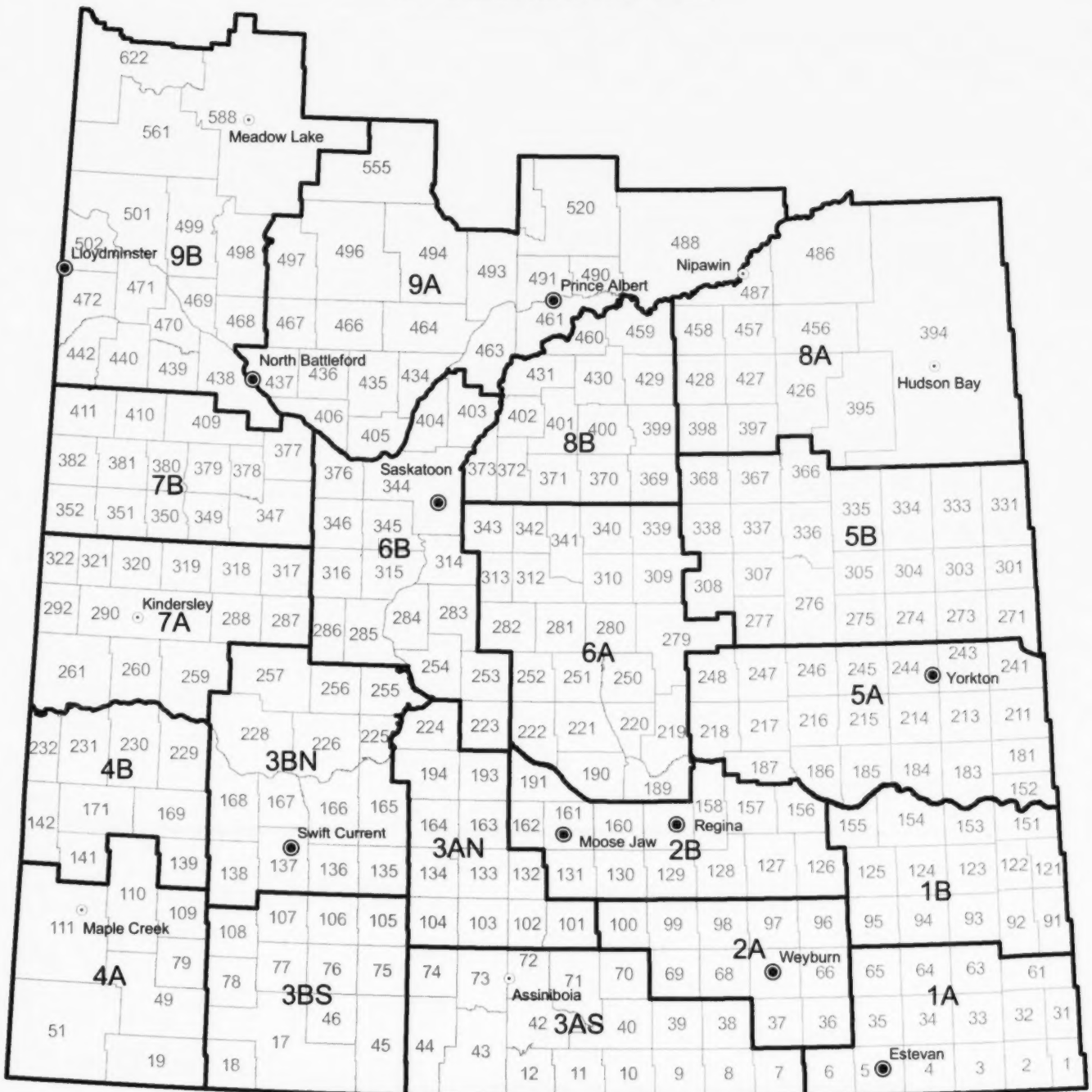
Crop land topsoil moisture conditions are currently nine per cent surplus, 78 per cent adequate and 13 per cent short. The hay and pasture topsoil moisture conditions are 76 per cent adequate and 16 per cent short.

(in millimetres)

for the week ending April 27, 2009

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
1A	1	Argyle	N/A	N/A	3BN	77	Wise Cr.		10 55	6B	252	Arm River	NIL	27
	2	Mt. Pleasant	NIL	NIL		78A	Grassy Cr.		16 37		279A	Mount Hope	NIL	45
	3	Enniskillen	TR	1		78B	Grassy Cr.		15 32		279B	Mt. Hope	N/A	N/A
	33A	Moose Cr.	N/A	3		78C	Grassy Cr.	N/A	23		280	Wreford	N/A	34
	33B	Moose Cr.	NIL	10		105	Glenbain	N/A	20		282	McCraney	NIL	10
	34	Browning	N/A	N/A		106	Whiska Cr.		3 19		309	Prairie Rose	NIL	15
	61	Antler	N/A	N/A		107	Lac Pelletier		4 6		312	Morris	NIL	16
	64	Brock		2 8		108	Bone Cr.	N/A	14		313	Lost River	N/A	9
	65	Tecumesh	N/A	3		138	Webb		1 9		339	Leroy	0	37
	91	Maryfield	N/A	N/A		166	Excelsior	NIL	10		340A	Wolverine	NIL	23
1B	92	Walpole	N/A	7	167	Sask. Landing	NIL	15	341	Viscount	TR	13		
	93	Wawken	NIL	3	168	Riverside	N/A	N/A	343	Blucher	1	5		
	94	Hazelwood	NIL	6	225	Canaan	N/A	N/A	283	Rosedale		NIL 9		
	95	Golden West	NIL	NIL	226	Victory	N/A	6	284	Rudy		TR 16		
	121	Moosomin	N/A	N/A	228A	Lacadena		2 4	285	Fertile Val.		NIL TR		
	122	Martin	N/A	N/A	228B	Lacadena	N/A	TR	286	Milden		NIL 5		
	123	Silverwood	N/A	10	255	Coteau	N/A	N/A	314	Dundum		NIL 11		
	124	Kingsley	NIL	6	4A	49A	White Val.		3 9	344	Corman Pk.		1 1	
	125	Chester		1 11	49B	White Val.		9 19	346	Perdue		NIL 2		
	151B	Rocanville		1 10	51	Reno		3 9	376A	Eagle Cr.		N/A N/A		
2A	153	Willowdale	N/A	N/A	79	Arlington	N/A	15	376B	Eagle Cr.		5 15		
	154	Elcapo	N/A	N/A	109	Carmichael		5 10	403	Rosthern		N/A N/A		
	155	Wolseley	N/A	7	110	Piapot	N/A	N/A	7A	259	Snipe Lk.		NIL NIL	
	36	Cymri		1 5	111A	Maple Cr.	N/A	N/A	287	St. Andrews		NIL 1		
	66	Griffin		8 11	4B	139	Gull Lk.	TR	7	288	Pleasant Val.		N/A N/A	
	67	Weyburn	N/A	13	141	Big Stick		2 4	292	Milton		NIL 6		
	68	Brokenshell		5 25	142	Enterprise		1 1	317A	Marmott		N/A N/A		
	69	Norton		9 32	169	Pittville	NIL	1	317B	Marmott		NIL 1		
	96	Fillmore		10 21	231	Happyland	NIL	NIL	318A	Mt. View		N/A N/A		
	97	Wellington		7 22	232	Deer Forks	N/A	N/A	318B	Mt. View		TR TR		
2B	99	Caledonia	N/A	15	5A	183	Fertile Belt	NIL	8	320	Oakdale		TR TR	
	126	Montmartre		3 17	184A	Grayson	N/A	N/A	321	Prainedale		3 8		
	127	Francis		3 24	184B	Grayson	N/A	N/A	7B	347A	Bigger		8 12	
	129	Bratt's Lake	NIL	4	185	Mcleod		8 18	347B	Bigger		N/A N/A		
	131	Baildon	TR	25	186	Abernethy	NIL	20	350A	Mariposa		8 8		
	156A	Indian Head		2 21	211	Churchbridge	TR	22	350B	Mariposa		TR 2		
	156B	Indian Head	TR	19	213	Saltcoats	NIL	12	351	Progress		4 4		
	157	South Qu'app.		8 12	216A	Tullymet	NIL	18	352	Heart's Hill		3 8		
	158	Edenwold	N/A	N/A	216B	Tullymet	NIL	35	377	Glenaside		3 13		
	160	Pense	N/A	25	241	Calder	NIL	NIL	378A	Rosemount		2 8		
3ASE	161	Moose Jaw		2 13	243	Wallace	NIL	15	378B	Rosemount		3 6		
	191A	Marquis	NIL	25	245A	Garry	N/A	N/A	379	Reford		1 5		
	9	Surprise Val.	N/A	N/A	245B	Garry	NIL	19	380	Tramping Lk.		N/A N/A		
	38A	Laurier		8 30	246	Ituna Bon Acc.		8 48	382	Eye Hill		N/A 9		
	38B	Laurier		6 27	247	Kellross		1 22	409	Buffalo		3 11		
	39A	The Gap	NIL	20	248	Touchwood	N/A	N/A	410	Round Val.		NIL 3		
	39B	The Gap	NIL	19	5B	271	Cote		3 19	411	Seniac		N/A N/A	
	10	Happy Val.		9 19	273	Sliding Hills		1 8	8A	395	Porcupine		3 92	
	12	Poplar Val.		20 58	275	Insinger	NIL	42	397	Barrier Val.		10 56		
	40	Bengough		17 29	276	Foam Lk.		1 41	428	Star City		N/A 28		
3ASW	42	Willow Bunch	N/A	23	277	Emerald		2 41	456	Arborfield		TR 64		
	43A	Old Post		3 3	304	Buchanan		3 34	457	Connaught		N/A N/A		
	44	Waverley		4 24	305	Ivermay	N/A	N/A	458	Willow Cr.		N/A 4		
	70	Key West		12 23	307	Elftos		7 57	486	Moose Range		N/A 14		
	71A	Excel		20	308	Big Quill	N/A	N/A	487	Nipawin		NIL 7		
	71B	Excel		6 15	333	Clayton	N/A	N/A	8B	369	St. Peter		2 19	
	71C	Excel	N/A	N/A	335	Hazel Dell	N/A	38	370	Humboldt		6 30		
	73A	Stonehenge	NIL	28	336	Sasman		1 50	371	Bayne		N/A N/A		
	73B	Stonehenge		7 42	337	Lakeview	TR	46	372	Grant		N/A 2		
	74	Wood River		1 25	338	Lakeside		1 40	373	Aberdeen		N/A N/A		
3AN	101	Terrell		1 24	366	Kelvington	TR	53	400	Three Lks.		N/A N/A		
	102	Lake Johnston		4 20	367B	Ponass Lk.	N/A	N/A	402	Fish Cr.		2 4		
	103	Sutton	N/A	26	6A	190A	Duffenn	NIL	29	429A	Flett's Spr.		N/A 4	
	134	Shamrock	TR	34	190B	Duffenn		3 37	429B	Flett's Spr.		NIL 8		
	164	Chaplin	NIL	18	190C	Duffenn	NIL	27	431	St. Louis		N/A 4		
	193	Eyebrow	NIL	28	190D	Duffenn		1 35	459	Kinistoun		N/A N/A		
	194	Enfield	N/A	N/A	219A	Longlaketon	NIL	47	9AE	488	Torch River		N/A N/A	
	17A	Val Marie		10 80	219B	Longlaketon		1 30	520	Paddockwood		N/A N/A		
	17B	Val Marie	N/A	N/A	220	McKillop	NIL	34	9AW	406	Mayfield		1 13	
	45	Mankota	NIL	27	221	Sarnia	NIL	32	435	Redberry		N/A 8		
3BS	75A	Pinto Cr.	N/A	43	222	Craik	NIL	47	436	Douglas		TR 8		
	75B	Pinto Cr.		20 20	251	Big Arm	NIL	27	463	Duck Lake		NIL 3		
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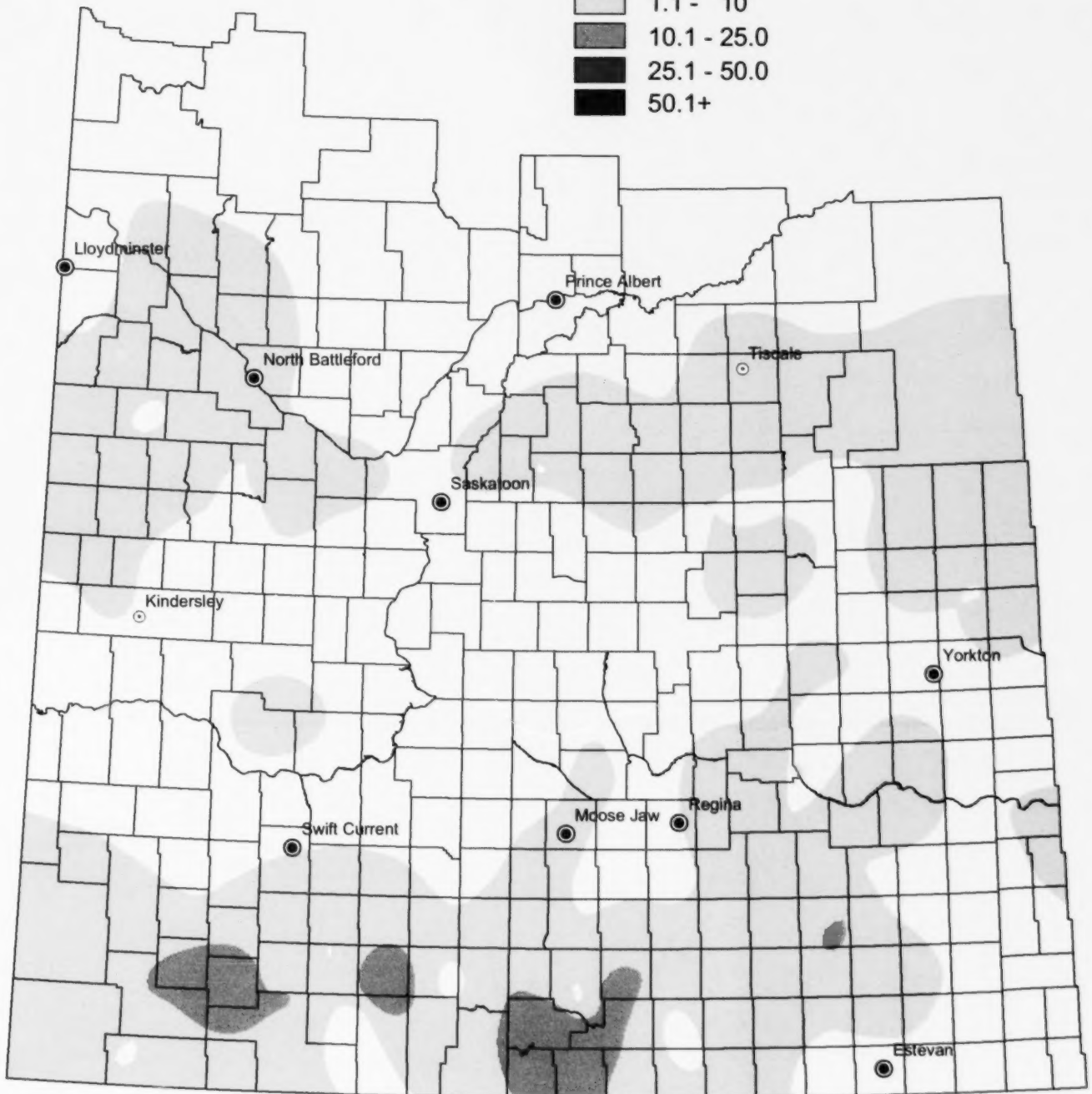
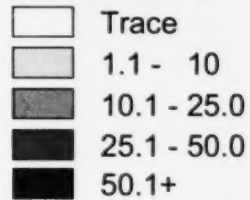
Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities in Saskatchewan



Weekly Rainfall

for the week ending April 27, 2009

Rainfall (mm)



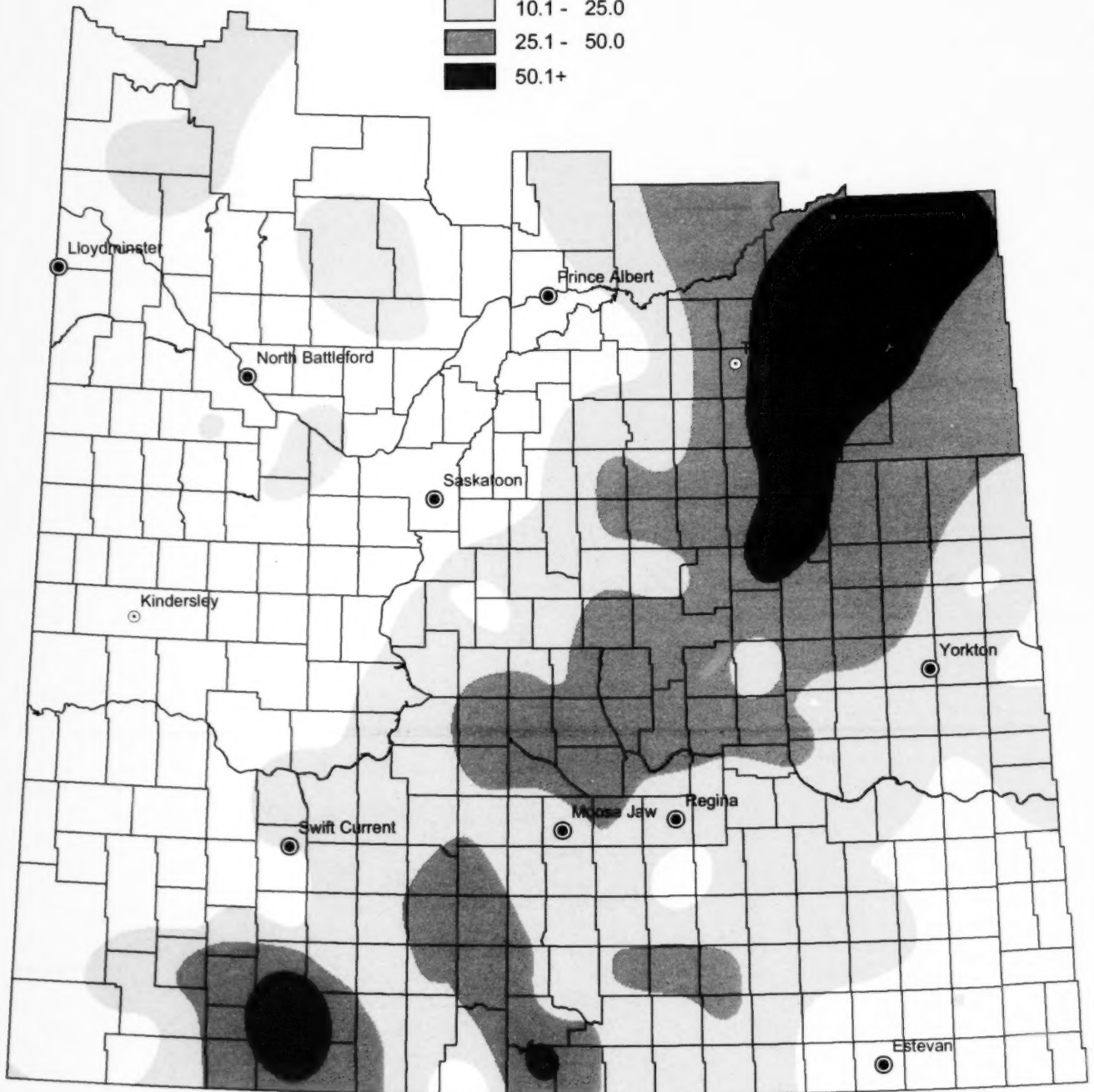
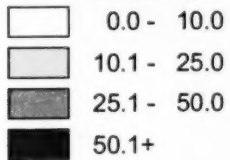
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Cumulative Rainfall

From: April 1, 2009

To: April 27, 2009

Rainfall (mm)



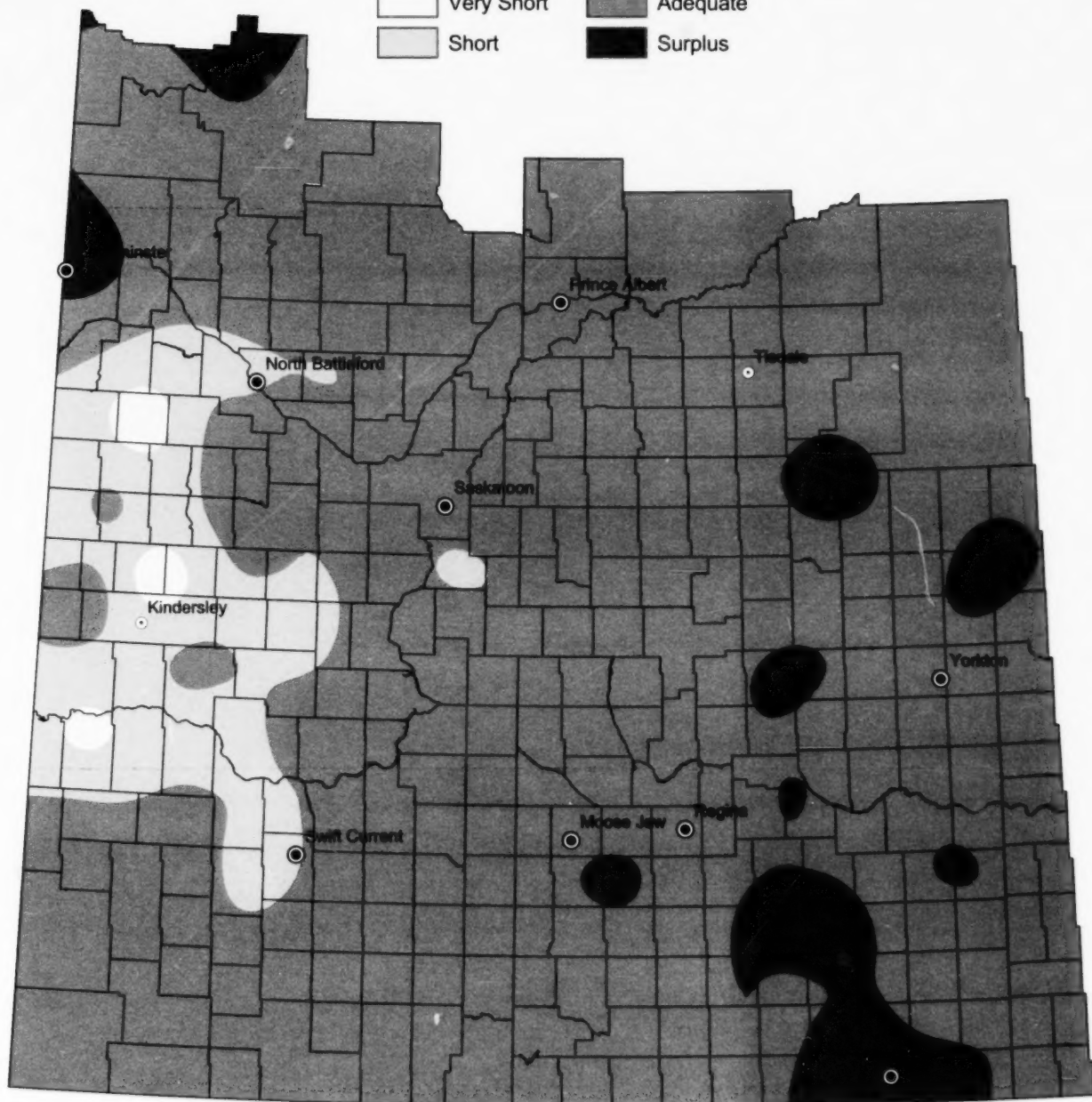
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April 28, 2009

Moisture Conditions

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	Short		Surplus



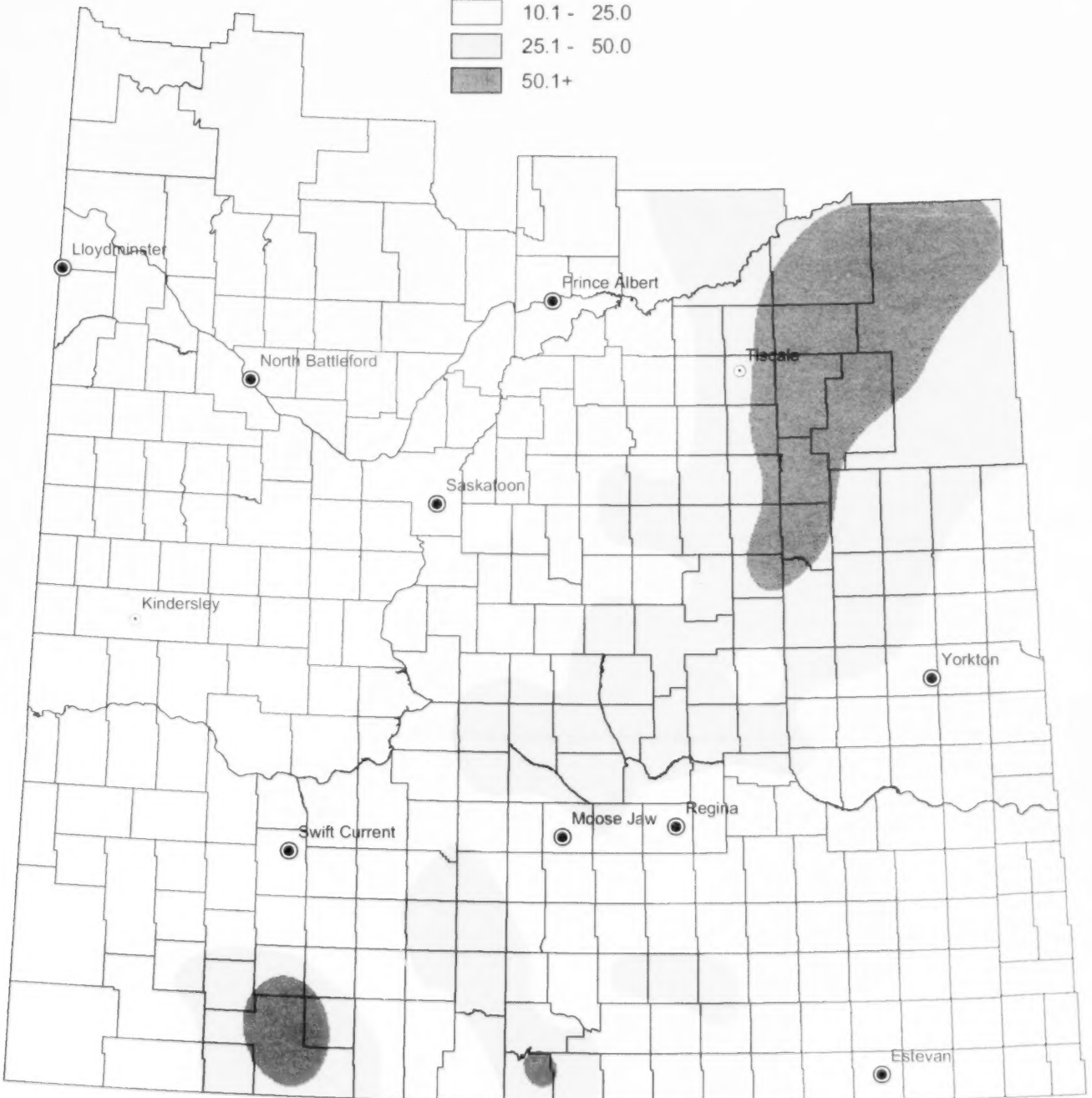
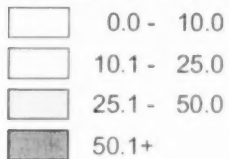
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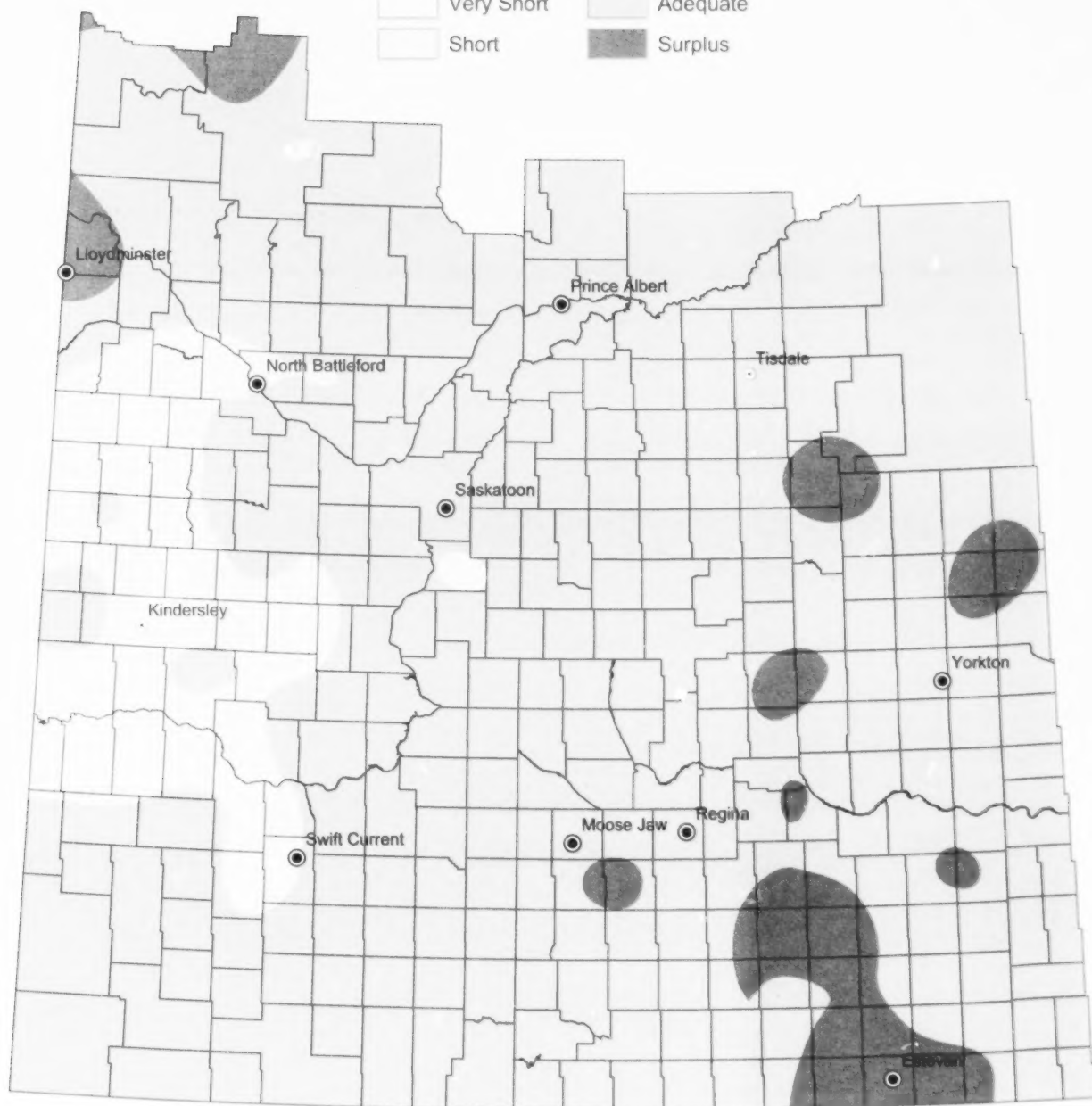
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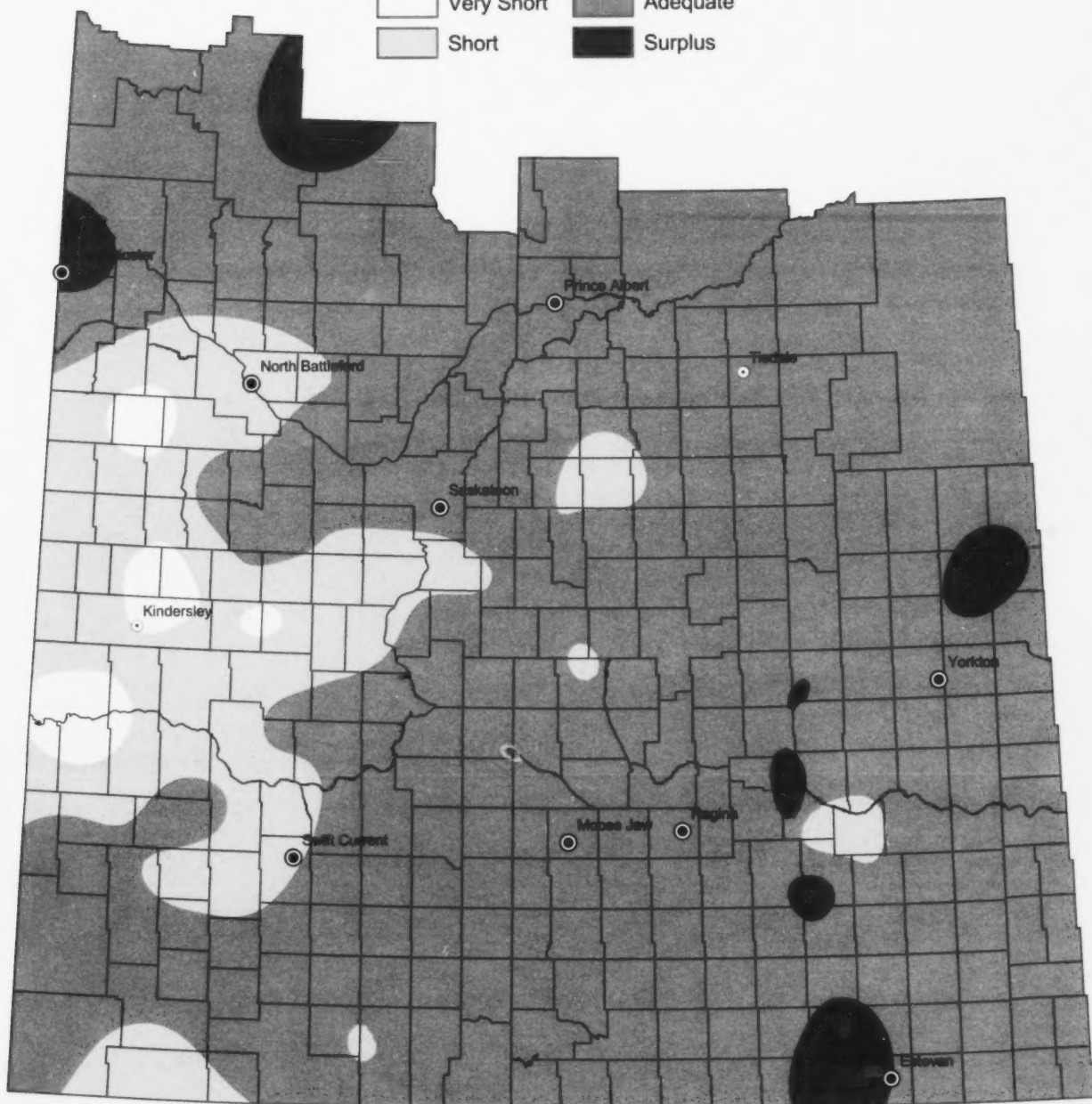


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Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

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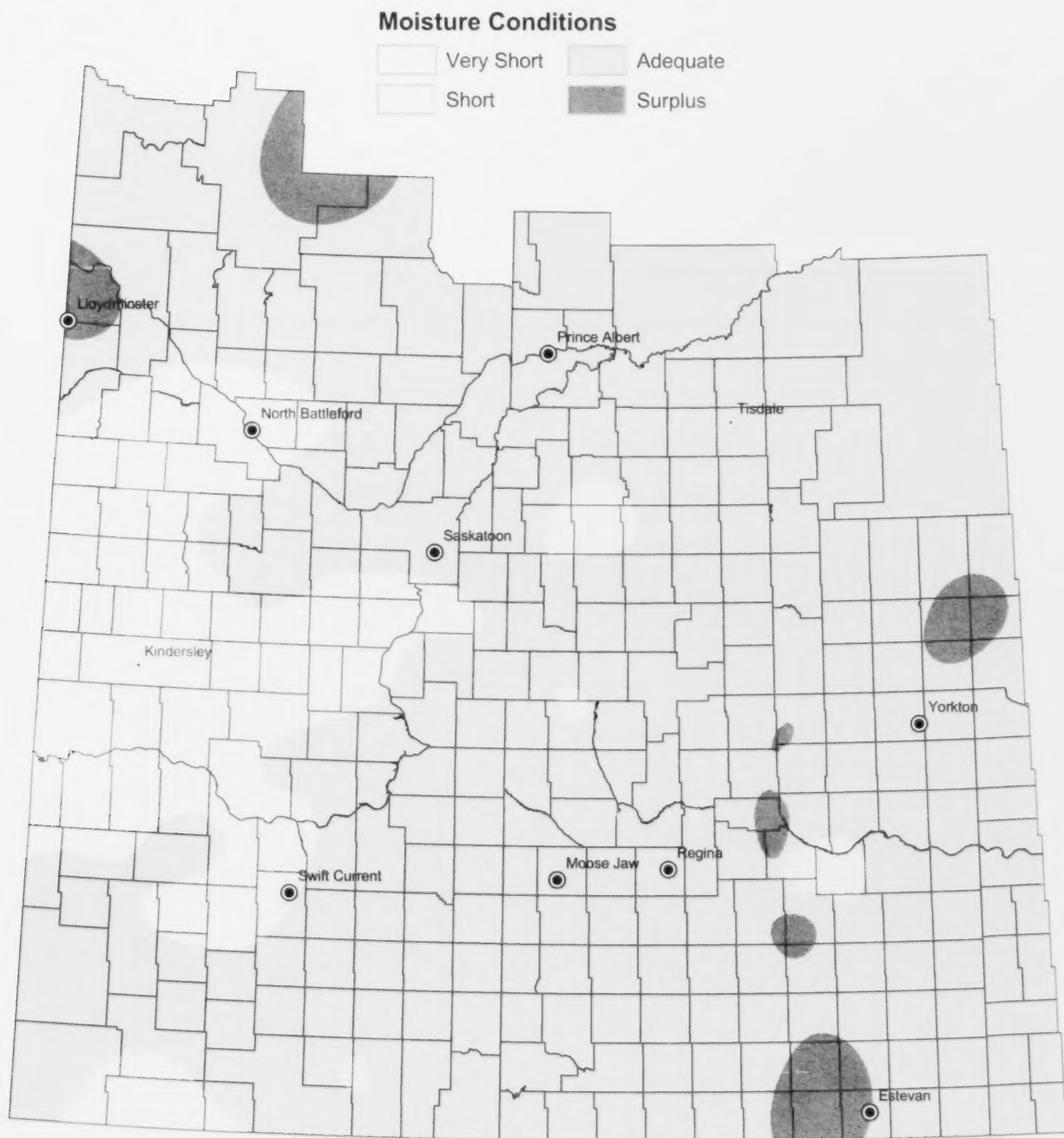
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